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1. EMBASSY RAISED MSA ISSUE DRAWING ON ARGUMENTS REFERENCED TELEGRAM WITH NUMBER THREE MAN MALI FOREIGN MINISTRY, DIRECTOR GENERAL ALIDOU TOURE, WHO SAID THAT HE SAW PROBLEM IN QUITE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, NAMELY ONE OF ACHIEVING FAIR EXCHANGE BETWEEN PRIMARY MATERIALS SUCH AS OIL AND MANUFACTURED GOODS. WHILE MALI SUFFERED ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FROM OIL PRICE INCREASES, TOURE SAID THAT ARAB OIL PRODUCERS WERE FULLY JUSTIFIED IN INCREASING THEIR PRICES AND THAT IT WAS PROFITS MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS THAT WAS CAUSE OF HIGH PRICES. TOURE SAID THAT PRICES UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL PRIMARY PRODUCTS SHOULD BE INCREASED TO

BALANCE PRICES MANUFACTURED GOODS AND THAT THEREFORE MALI COULD NOT CRITICIZE OIL PRICE INCREASES WHEN GOM WAS ARGUING IN FAVOR ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASES ALL PRIMARY PRODUCTS.

2. TOURE ADMITTED HE NOT INFORMED SUFFICIENTLY
ABOUT ARGUMENT FOR ESTABLISHING SPECIAL UN FUND
FOR MSA'S AS OPPOSED TO USING BILATERAL AND
WORLD BANK CHANNELS. HE POINTED OUT THAT MALI'S
FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSTAFFED WITH MOST MEMBERS ON
FREQUENT OFFICIAL TRAVEL SO THAT ISSUE WOULD BE
ADDRESSED BY MALI'S DELEGATION TO THE UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY. TOURE REITERATED THAT GOM DELEGATIONS TO
INTERNATIONAL FORUMS HAVE WIDE LATITUDE PRECISELY
BECAUSE MALI NOT SUFFICIENTLY PREPARED BEFOREHAND
TO RESPOND TO MANY COMPLEX ISSUES BEFORE SUCH BODIES AS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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